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Dear Alexandria Stakeholders:

The funding of priority transportation projects is one of the most challenging and unresolved issues facing the City, the Northern Virginia region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is due to a number of factors including population growth, an increasing level of unmet transportation capital and operating funding needs, as well as declining federal and state transportation funding sources.

In order to address the transportation needs, Alexandria must continue to enhance its multi-modal approach to transportation. Through this continued development of a variety of transportation mode choices the impact on the environment is lessened and the traffic congestion issues related to the single occupant vehicle can be addressed. As part of the transportation funding initiatives which the General Assembly approved (HB3202) during its 2007 session, included was a package of major new regional and local funding options for Northern Virginia and the Hampton Roads area. A part of this package of funding options includes the Commercial Real Estate Tax. In recognition that quality land use development, business/resident travel needs and the local economy are all linked, the City is examining transportation funding options which may include the implementation of a commercial real estate tax.

The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) requests to be placed on your agenda at a regularly scheduled meeting with your organization during the fall/winter months. It is very important that T&ES participate in your upcoming meetings, in order to utilize your input as part of the City Council discussions regarding the potential implementation of the Commercial Real Estate Tax. Kathleen Leonard, Public Information Specialist (Kathleen.Leonard@alexandriava.gov) will be contacting you to schedule a date and time at your convenience. Our presentation will take approximately twenty minutes, with a question and answer session to follow.

Transportation funding is an issue that affects all businesses and neighborhoods throughout the City. T&ES would like to ensure that your organization is informed about these issues and has an opportunity to provide input as we move forward. For more information regarding this project, please contact Sandra Marks, Division Chief, Transportation Planning at Sandra.Marks@alexandriava.gov, or 703-746-4147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abi Lerner", is written over a horizontal line.

Abi Lerner, P.E.
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